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REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM!

Join us February 19-20, 2016 at the Baton Rouge Marriott for a plethora of fun, hands-on, environmentally-based educational lessons and activities while we show you how to "Explore the Natural World" with your students! Earn CLUs, network with educators and local scientists, and go home with great ideas for your classroom. Students LOVE applied science learning and our natural world (even the school yard) awaits exploration!

This conference is not the usual fare. We promise to inspire you with doable ideas for your classroom – even when you are not in sessions! From our science scavenger hunt to our luncheon centerpieces, we work hard to make this event entertaining and very educational. CC Lockwood, international photographer, speaker, and naturalist, will deliver the keynote address. And the fun culminates with a grand door prize consisting of a weekend stay at the state park of your choice!



CC LOCKWOOD TO DELIVER SYMPOSIUM KEYNOTE

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission is pleased to announce that famed outdoor photographer CC Lockwood will be the keynote speaker at this year's Environmental Education State Symposium.

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Lockwood has lived and worked in fragile ecosystems whose preservation shapes his artistry. Through words and images, he has captured the unique sense of space in wild places as diverse as Louisiana swampland and the rugged back country of the American West. His work has earned him international acclaim as an environmental artist, including the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award for conservation photography. Lockwood's work continues to reflect changes and perils in the natural world. His eleventh book, *Marsh Mission*, is part of a years-long effort by Lockwood to bring attention to the crisis of vanishing Gulf Coast wetlands.



Lockwood moved to Louisiana in 1967 to attend Louisiana State University, where he received his B.S. in Finance in 1971. During his early years in Louisiana, he fell in love with the state's swampy backcountry, and he abandoned plans for a career in business as soon as he graduated. He taught himself photography and headed for wild places, determined to make a living capturing images of nature. Much of this time has been on a houseboat.

He is also the co-founder of several environmental organizations, including the Baton Rouge Audubon Society, The Clean Team, and Marsh Mission.

SYMPOSIUM SHORT COURSES



LEADING PRESCHOOLERS IN EXPLORATION

Energize your classroom through STEM! Capture the natural curiosities of your students through STEM with emphasis on environmental science & active learning! Join us for a jam-packed presentation that will provide classroom-ready ideas & activities for Pre-K - 1st grade students!

Grade Levels: Pre-K-1

Location: Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center

Presenter: Dr. Brenda Nixon, Co-Director of the Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy, Kathrin McGregor & Kellea LeBlanc

GREEN SCHOOLS TOUR

Take a tour of area schools with exemplary environmental education programs & projects. From gardens & campus recycling programs to experimental labs, you'll get tons of new green initiative ideas for your school & classroom. See what works firsthand & find out what it takes to get a grant to make it happen! Transportation provided.

Grade Levels: Pre-K-12

Location: Van leaves from the Marriott

Presenters: Brian Gautreau, Louisiana Green Schools Coordinator & Angela Capello, LDWF Wildlife Educator



WATERSHED WEBS

The LEEC will launch their new Watershed Experience Tracker (WET) at this workshop! Learn how to direct your students to collect & analyze data in a stewardship activity. Lead student debris cleanup expeditions, take water samples, & use our WET App to share & analyze data. Participants will receive binder of GLE/NGSS correlated lessons, GPS unit, & water analysis equipment.

Grade Levels: 5-12

Location: La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters

Presenters: Dinah Maygarden, UNO Coastal Education Program & Thomas Gresham, Assistant Environmental Education Coordinator

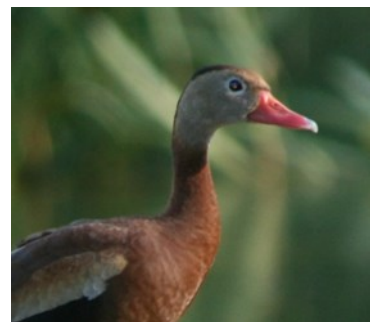
DISCOVERING BIODIVERSITY

Participants in this exciting, dynamic workshop will receive hands-on instruction from experienced educators & biologists, get updates on Louisiana threatened & endangered species management initiatives, & go home with strategies & materials for including biodiversity instruction in the classroom. Participants will receive Audubon field guide, related lessons, & other materials.

Grade Levels: K-8

Location: Waddill Outdoor Education Center

Presenter: Carrie Salyers, LDWF Threatened & Endangered Species Educator



OCEAN EXPLORATION

Presentations & hands-on activities will guide participants to learn more oceanography & how ocean exploration is conducted. Activity & topics will include ocean floor mapping, research cruise simulation, remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), ocean climate change, deep sea ecosystems, & more. Classroom resources will be provided.

Grade Levels: 5-12

Location: Baton Rouge Marriott

Presenter: Murt Conover, LUMCON Senior Marine Educator

